

4010- Study Area Code 150084

4015- Study Area Name TACONIC TSC CORP

4020- Program Year 2015

4030- Contact Name - Region USAC should contain reporting the data Bujayia, Orlando

4035- Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line 4030 202535126 ext.

4038- Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line 4030 boralay@tsc1.com

4040- Check the boxes below to note compliance on the five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.302a) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(3). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan  
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(i). The carrier must provide the number, format, and accession of community shelter institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

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(3012) Community Shelter Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No) ☒ ☒

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held Not Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))

(Yes/No) ☒ ☒

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

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(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No) ☐ ☐

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

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If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3025 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3021) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

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(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant or (3) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers.

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(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

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(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

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(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows.

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: TACONIC TEL CORP	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/24/14
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Mike Skrivan	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: VP Regulatory	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2075354100 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 150084	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 501, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

## Attachments

FCC Form 481

Line 100- Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
{47 CFR 54.313(a)(1)}

In the FCC's Public Notice DA 14-951, released May 1, 2014, the FCC waived the requirement for price cap ETCs to file a five-year plan.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Public Notice stated, in relevant part:

We now grant a waiver of this requirement for price cap ETCs for an additional year. Because the Bureau just finalized the Connect America Cost Model, and price cap carriers have not yet had the opportunity to make a state-level commitment for Connect America Phase II, we find that it is not in the public interest to require price cap ETCs to file new five-year plans in 2014 for the same reason as last year: they do not yet know which areas they will be serving in the future.


Taconic Telephone Corp.  
150084  
Line 310

For the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, Taconic Telephone Corp. (SAC #150084)



Taconic Telephone Corp.  
150084  
Line 330

For the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, Taconic Telephone Corp. (SAC #150084)



Taconic Telephone Corp.

New York

150084

**Line 510: Service Quality Reporting/Consumer Protection Rules Compliance**

Taconic Telephone Corp., hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company complies with service quality and consumer protection provisions under state law. These provisions include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of The New York Public Service Commission which discloses rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) compliance with state consumer protection provisions relating to Customer Services as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with provisions for Quality of Service as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Service Objectives as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with customer inquiry procedure as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Dispute standards as identified in the Code of State Regulations; (3) compliance with truth-in-billing requirements; and (4) compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

In establishing this certification in its 2005 ETC Order,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers."<sup>2</sup> The Commission found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis. In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement."<sup>3</sup>

Berkshire Telephone Corporation d/b/a FairPoint Communications, Chautauqua & Erie Telephone Corporation d/b/a FairPoint Communications, and Taconic Telephone Corporation d/b/a FairPoint Communications, are all under Service Quality Reporting under 603.4 (Reporting Requirements). The rule states that Service Providers with 500,000 or fewer access lines in service shall only report on Customer Trouble Report Rate. Each of the above New York companies report monthly on the Customer Trouble Report Rate (CTRR). The rule goes on to state that for Customer Trouble Report Rate, a service provider shall automatically submit to the Commission staff a Service Inquiry Report whenever an individual central office entity experiences 5.5 reports per 100 lines or greater for the current month and any two of the previous four months. The FairPoint New York Companies are below the report rate, and therefore, no Service Inquiry Reports are necessary.

If a customer has a concern about their FairPoint Communications' service or billing, he/she can contact repair service, technical support or customer service with information found on their statement. Customers may also contact agencies, through information posted in the phone directory, website, and tariff pages. All consumer complaints whether from Attorney Generals' offices, Public Utility Commissions, Better Business Bureaus, Federal Communications Commission and all other agencies are sent to the FairPoint Communications' Maine office via U.S. Mail or by electronic mail at [consumer@fairpoint.com](mailto:consumer@fairpoint.com). The complaints are directed to the appropriate responsible Company Team member within FairPoint Communications for resolution and response to the customer.

<sup>1</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.





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Director, Operational Risk

Form 481 Line 610: Functionality in Emergency Situations

## Business Continuity Plan Overview

### Introduction

FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") is committed to maintaining a vigilant state of disaster preparedness for the interests of our customers, stockholders, employees and other critical stakeholders.

The purpose of our Business Continuity Plan (BCP) is to define the disaster preparedness and recovery protocols and procedures required to restore FairPoint's critical business support functions, inside and outside plant systems and operations within FairPoint's operating footprint.

BCP components detail FairPoint's procedures for preparing for and responding to an emergency situation affecting our ability to deliver core services to our customers and our ability to meet legal dictates, and regulatory requirements.

This document discusses the following:

- BCP Scope & Structure
- Recovery Strategies and Logistics
- Plan Maintenance and Exercising

### BCP Scope

FairPoint's business continuity response planning is concentrated on two critical operational areas:

- Customer Interfacing – It is recognized that a "business impact" only occurs when an external-interfacing element is disrupted. In essence, this means that if FairPoint experiences a disruptive event, but one that does not breach the outer-shell of the FairPoint operation and interrupt critical customer services, customer product or other external end-user, then it does not have a business impact, as defined by the BCP
- Infrastructure Integrity – Without critical infrastructure systems, the ability for all other FairPoint business operations (back/front office) can come to a halt. It is these infrastructure systems that provide the critical human-factor of our customer-interfacing services. Critical infrastructure would address such services / systems as, building space for staff, service utilities, telecom network, IT network, etc.

The BCP has been developed to assure the continuity of critical customer interfacing services and systems should a physical incident or workforce disruption event occur, which affects:

- IT/IS
- Administrative and Support Operations
- Inside and Outside Plant Operations
- NOC (Network Operations Center)
- E-9-1-1
- Dispatch
- Repair Center

FairPoint has developed response / recovery strategies addressing physically disruptive incidents and workforce related disruptive incidents (i.e., work-stoppage and pandemic). All response strategies are based on recovery time objectives of those department functions and critical infrastructure systems essential to sustain customer interfacing services.





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### **BCP Structure**

The BCP consists of several components:

- The BCP Manual (an overview of all BCP documents)
- IR Playbooks (addresses the response procedures for Physical and Workforce related events),
- Appendices (the IR Playbook procedures links to these Resources Files)
- Department Recovery Plans (Business and Plant Operations)
- Business Impact Assessments (Business and Plant Operations)

The Event Response diagram below identifies the overall BCP documentation and how a disruption or incident will dictate which path of the BCP will be followed to restore business operations.

Once the incident or disruption occurs, the impact first needs to be quickly assessed to determine whether it is a physically disruptive event (local or regional) ("Physically Disruptive Event") or a workforce disruptive event (work-stoppage or pandemic) ("Work-Force Related Disruptive Event"). The disruption is always focused on critical business operations and services that can impact customer interfacing / deliverables.



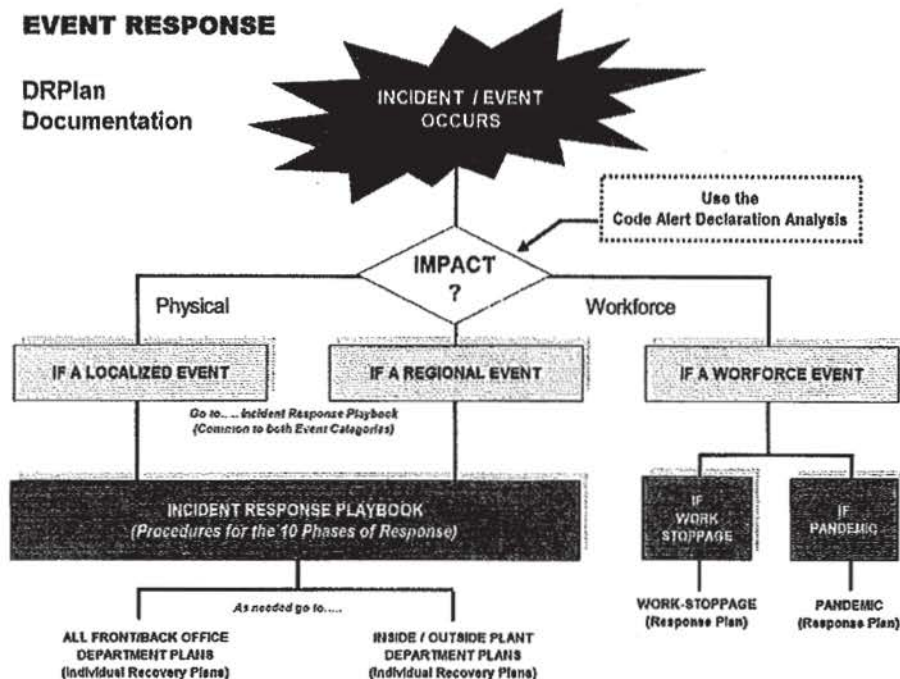
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## EVENT RESPONSE

DRPlan  
Documentation



### Recovery Strategies and Logistics

Our BCP is based on the premise that FairPoint cannot stop disasters from occurring, but we can address the IMPACT of incidents should they occur. Where possible we will provide risk mitigation measures that will minimize the likelihood of having a serious disruptive incident but in no case can we eliminate all disruptive possibilities. The BCP is triggered by a Disruption Scenario, not a Threat Scenario. FairPoint pre-plans for potential break-points that can result in a customer interfacing disruption and incorporates recovery strategies that will inherently address any potential threat and any resulting business disruption impact. The actual threat (i.e. fire, flood, etc.) is pertinent only with respect to immediate response activities. All subsequent response efforts are focused on the assessment of damages (physical losses and recovery duration) and the implementation of restoration and recovery strategies. The restoration of the business servicing operations and infrastructure systems is based on salvage, replacement of systems and alternate functionality measures, which are pre-defined in the BCP.

Each department has developed a recovery plan based on its critical operations as they pertain to the deliverables they contribute to our customers. FairPoint has triaged the recovery efforts based on the concept of customer servicing impact. Federal and State regulatory requirements have a high level of consideration in



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addition to the business impact concerns. The BCP goal is to minimize the disruption duration as much as is practical and provide a level of risk mitigation that will maintain critical operations.

The Ten Response Phases of Physical Event are:

- Incident Notification
- Visual Damage Assessment
- Incident Stabilization
- Command Center Initiation
- Initial Notifications to Business Departments -- to activate plans
- Primary Site Damage Assessments
- Ready Alternate Restoration Sites
- Primary Site Salvage & Recovery
- Business Restoration Process
- Primary Site Re-established

#### **Plan Maintenance and Exercising**

The BCP is a living document. Updates to the plan are ongoing with changes incorporated annually at a minimum. Individual plan components are scenario tested with oversight from FairPoint's Corporate Risk Management Team.

(700) Price Offerings Including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form		FCC Form 458 OMB Control No. 3060-1535/OMB Control No. 3060-0019 July 2013
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2014
<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Residential Local Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Total per Line Rates and Fees
NY	Berlin (VIII)		FR	17.13	0.0	0.05	0.0	17.18
NY	Canaan (III)		FR	13.48	0.0	0.05	0.0	13.53
NY	Chatham (VIII)		FR	17.13	0.0	0.05	0.0	17.18
NY	Copake (III)		FR	13.48	0.0	0.05	0.0	13.53
MA	Hancock, MA		FR	17.5	0.0	0.05	0.0	17.55
NY	Hillsdale (III)		FR	13.48	0.0	0.05	0.0	13.53
NY	Millerton (III)		FR	13.48	0.0	0.05	0.0	13.53
NY	Nassau (IX)		FR	18.13	0.0	0.05	0.0	18.18
NY	Pineplains (III)		FR	13.48	0.0	0.05	0.0	13.53
NY	Stephenton (VIII)		FR	17.13	0.0	0.05	0.0	17.18
NY	W Lebanon (VII)		FR	16.3	0.0	0.05	0.0	16.35
NY	Berlin (VIII)		MS	8.19	0.0	0.05	0.0	8.24
NY	Canaan (III)		MS	8.19	0.0	0.05	0.0	8.24
NY	Chatham (VIII)		MS	8.19	0.0	0.05	0.0	8.24
NY	Copake (III)		MS	8.19	0.0	0.05	0.0	8.24
MA	Hancock, MA		MS	8.19	0.0	0.05	0.0	8.24
NY	Hillsdale (III)		MS	8.19	0.0	0.05	0.0	8.24
NY	Millerton (III)		MS	8.19	0.0	0.05	0.0	8.24
NY	Nassau (IX)		MS	8.19	0.0	0.05	0.0	8.24
NY	Pineplains (III)		MS	8.19	0.0	0.05	0.0	8.24
NY	Stephenton (VIII)		MS	8.19	0.0	0.05	0.0	8.24



<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2024
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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<b>(710) Broadband Price Offerings</b> Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 Form 481-Rev. 10-2013 OMB Control No. 3060-0289 OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)



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Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
BE Mobile Communications, Incorporated		dba FairPoint Long Distance
Bentleyville Communications Corporation	170145	dba FairPoint Communications
Berkshire Cable Corp.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
Berkshire Cellular, Inc.		
Berkshire New York Access, Inc.		
Berkshire Telephone Corporation	150073	dba FairPoint Communications
Big Sandy Telecom, Inc.	462192	dba FairPoint Communications / Big Sandy Telecom, Inc.
Bluestem Telephone Company	411835	dba FairPoint Communications
C & E Communications, Ltd.		
Chautauqua & Erie Communications, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
Chautauqua and Erie Telephone Corporation	150078	dba FairPoint Communications
China Telephone Company	100004	dba FairPoint Communications ? China Telephone Company
Chouteau Telephone Company	431981	dba FairPoint Communications
Columbine Telecom Company (f/k/a Columbine Acquisition Corp.)	462204	dba FairPoint Communications / Columbine Telecom Company
Columbus Grove Telephone Company	300604	dba FairPoint Communications
COM Networks, Inc.		
Comerco, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
Community Service Telephone Co.	100015	dba FairPoint Communications ? Community Service Telephone Co.
C-R Communications, Inc.		
C-R Long Distance, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance / C-R Long Distance, Inc.
C-R Telephone Company	341009	dba FairPoint Communications / C-R Telephone Company
El Paso Long Distance Company		dba FairPoint Long Distance / El Paso Long Distance Company
Ellensburg Telephone Company	522412	dba FairPoint Communications

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Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation	
Elitel Long Distance Corp.		dba FairPoint Long Distance	
Enhanced Communications of Northern New England Inc.			
ExOp of Missouri, Inc.		dba FairPoint Communications	
FairPoint Broadband, Inc.		dba FairPoint Communications	
FairPoint Business Services LLC			
FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc.			
FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.	421472	dba FairPoint Communications	
FairPoint Logistics, Inc. (f/k/a MJD Capital Corp.)			
FairPoint Vermont, Inc.		dba FairPoint Communications	
Germantown Independent Telephone Company	300618	dba FairPoint Communications	
Germantown Long Distance Company		dba FairPoint Long Distance	
GTC Communications, Inc. (f/k/a TPG Communications, Inc.)			
GTC, Inc.	210291	(Floral) dba FairPoint Communications	
GTC, Inc.	210329	(Perry) dba FairPoint Communications	
Maine Telephone Company	100025	dba FairPoint Communications ? Maine Telephone Company	
Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company	170185	dba FairPoint Communications	
Marianna Tel, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance	
MJD Services Corp.			
MJD Ventures, Inc.			
Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC - Maine	105111	dba FairPoint Communications	
Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC - Maine	125113	dba FairPoint Communications	
Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.	103313	dba FairPoint Communications ? Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. (Maine)	
Odin Telephone Exchange, Inc.	341065	dba FairPoint Communications / Odin Telephone Exchange, Inc.	



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Orwell Telephone Company	300619	dba FairPoint Communications
Peoples Mutual Long Distance Company		dba FairPoint Long Distance
Peoples Mutual Telephone Company	190244	dba FairPoint Communications
Quality One Technologies, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
Ravenswood Communications, Inc.		
Sidney Telephone Company	103313	dba FairPoint Communications ? Sidney Telephone Company
ST Enterprises, Ltd.		
ST Long Distance, Inc.		FairPoint Long Distance (Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma)
ST Long Distance, Inc.		FairPoint Long Distance / ST Long Distance, Inc. (Illinois)
ST Long Distance, Inc.		FairPoint Communications Long Distance (Missouri)
St. Joe Communications, Inc.	210339	dba FairPoint Communications
Standish Telephone Company	100025	dba FairPoint Communications ? Standish Telephone Company
Sunflower Telephone Company, Inc.	461835	dba FairPoint Communications/Sunflower Telephone Company, Inc. (Colorado)
Taconic Technology Corp.		
Taconic TelCom Corp.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
Taconic Telephone Corp.	150084	dba FairPoint Communications
Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC	145115	dba FairPoint Communications
The El Paso Telephone Company	341004	dba FairPoint Communications
UI Long Distance, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
Unite Communications Systems, Inc.		FairPoint Communications
Utilities, Inc.		dba FairPoint Communications (Maine)
Utilities, Inc.		dba FairPoint Utilities (New Hampshire)

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FCC FORM 481

Line 1010 –Voice Service Rate Comparability

The pricing of the company's voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as specified in the most recent public notice, FCC DA14-384 released on March 20, 2014.

For Rates See Attachment: (700) Company Price Offerings (voice)

Form 481 Line 1210- Terms & Conditions for Lifeline Customers

Taconic Telephone Corp ("Taconic") provides a Lifeline Program discount for residence service for eligible low income customers. The Lifeline Program discount is applied to any month to month residence local service, package or bundle offering. The discount is intended to offset the Subscriber Line Charge and local line charge, although eligible packages and bundles may have toll calling included in the pricing for the offering.

The tariff pages outlining the terms of the Lifeline offering in Taconic Telephone Corp. in New York, including the pages of the New York Telecommunications Association, Inc. Tariff P.S.C. No. 2 with which Taconic concurs, are attached. The terms and conditions of residential local service can be found at <http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644>



## Form 481 Line 1210- Terms &amp; Conditions for Lifeline Customers

Taconic Telephone Corp.  
 d/b/a FairPoint Communications  
 PSC No. 1 - Telephone  
 Effective Date: May 31, 2013

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 Revision: 2  
 Superseding Revision: 1

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 GENERAL AND LOCAL EXCHANGE SCHEDULE
 

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## SECTION 1 - CONCURRENCE &amp; EXCEPTIONS

The Taconic Telephone Corp. d/b/a FairPoint Communications concurs in the rules and regulations contained in the New York State Telecommunications Association's tariff PSC No. 2 - Telephone. The following exceptions apply:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Page Number</u>	<u>Description of Exception</u>
1	N/A	No Exceptions
2	N/A	No Exceptions (T)
3	N/A	No Exceptions
4	N/A	No Exceptions
5	N/A	No Exceptions
6	N/A	No Exceptions
7	28	Personal/Family Mailbox service is available to business customers as "The Big Box" service.
8	N/A	No Exceptions
9	N/A	No Exceptions
10	N/A	No Exceptions
11	1	There is a maximum charge equal to two times the single line rate for any one directory listing.

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 Issued By:

Michael T. Skrivan, Vice President-Regulatory  
 1 Davis Road, Portland ME 04103

Form 481 Line 1210- Terms & Conditions for Lifeline Customers

Taconic Telephone Corp.  
d/b/a FairPoint Communications  
PSC No. 1 - Telephone  
Effective Date: June 8, 2013

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Superseding Revision: 1

GENERAL AND LOCAL EXCHANGE SCHEDULE

SECTION 3 - RATES, (CONT'D.)

3.6 Group Six (Local Exchange Services)

3.6.1 Rate Group I

	Min	Residential Max	Min	Business Max	
<u>Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$13.00	*	\$14.75	(I)
Two-Party Line **	*	\$12.79	*	\$12.39	(I)
Four-Party Line**	N/A	\$ 8.84	*	\$10.84	
Centrex Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$ 6.46	
Centrex Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$10.23	
Trunk Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$ 7.57	
Trunk Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$11.25	
<u>Local Measured Service Access Line Rate***</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$ 8.60	*	\$14.04	(T)
Centrex Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 6.50	
Centrex Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$10.04	
Trunk Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 8.00	
Trunk Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$12.29	
Lifeline	*	\$ 1.00	*	N/A	

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3.6 Group Six (Local Exchange Services), (Cont'd.)

3.6.2 Rate Group II

	<u>Residential</u>		<u>Business</u>		
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	
<u>Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$13.22	*	\$15.36	(I)
Two-Party Line **	*	\$13.01	*	\$12.79	(I)
Four-Party Line**	*	\$ 9.06	*	\$11.05	
Centrex Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 6.46	
Centrex Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$10.13	
Trunk Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 8.00	
Trunk Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$11.69	
<u>Local Measured Service Access Line Rate***</u>					(T)
Individual Line	*	\$ 8.60	*	\$14.04	(I)
Centrex Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 6.50	
Centrex Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$10.04	
Trunk Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 8.00	
Trunk Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$12.29	
Lifeline	*	\$ 1.00	*	N/A	

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3.6.3 Rate Group III

	Min	Residential Max	Min	Business Max	
<u>Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$13.48	*	\$15.85	(I)
Two-Party Line **	*	\$13.29	*	\$13.33	(I)
Four-Party Line**	N/A	\$ 9.34	*	\$11.65	
Centrex Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$ 6.46	
Centrex Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$10.13	
Trunk Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$ 8.34	
Trunk Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$12.03	
<u>Local Measured Service Access Line Rate***</u>					(T)
Individual Line	*	\$ 8.60	*	\$14.04	(I)
	*				
Centrex Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 6.50	
Centrex Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$10.04	
Trunk Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 8.00	
Trunk Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$12.29	
Lifeline	*	\$ 1.00	*	N/A	

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3.6 Group Six (Local Exchange Services), (Cont'd.)

3.6.4 Rate Group IV

	<u>Residential</u>		<u>Business</u>		
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	
<u>Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$14.22	*	\$18.51	(I)
Two-Party Line **	*	\$13.61	*	\$15.75	(I)
Four-Party Line**	N/A	\$ 9.66	*	\$12.11	
Centrex Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$ 6.46	
Centrex Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$10.13	
Trunk Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$10.18	
Trunk Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$13.92	
<u>Local Measured Service Access Line Rate***</u>					
Individual Lin	*	\$ 8.60	*	\$14.04	(T)
Centrex Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 6.50	
Centrex Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$10.04	
Trunk Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 8.00	
Trunk Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$12.29	
Lifeline	*	\$ 1.00	*	N/A	

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\*\* Four-Party Line Service is grandfathered to existing customers.

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3.6 Group Six (Local Exchange Services), (Cont'd.)

3.6.5 Rate Group V

	<u>Residential</u>		<u>Business</u>		
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	
<u>Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$14.97	*	\$22.25	(I)
Two-Party Line **	*	\$13.91	*	\$18.47	(I)
Four-Party Line**	N/A	\$10.06	*	\$12.73	
Centrex Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$ 7.46	
Centrex Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$11.58	
Trunk Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$12.77	
Trunk Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$16.55	
<u>Local Measured Service Access Line Rate***</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$ 8.60	*	\$14.04	(T) (I)
Centrex Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 6.50	
Centrex Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$10.04	
Trunk Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 8.00	
Trunk Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$12.29	
Lifeline	*	\$ 1.00	*	N/A	

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3.6 Group Six (Local Exchange Services), (Cont'd.)

3.6.6 Rate Group VI

	Residential		Business		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
<u>Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$15.57	*	\$26.30	(I)
Two-Party Line **	*	\$14.12	*	\$21.50	(I)
Four-Party Line**	N/A	\$10.47	*	\$13.40	
Centrex Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$9.98	
Centrex Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$13.88	
Trunk Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$15.58	
Trunk Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$19.42	
<u>Local Measured Service Access Line Rate***</u>					(T)
Individual Line	*	\$ 8.60	*	\$14.04	(I)
Centrex Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 6.50	
Centrex Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$10.04	
Trunk Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 8.00	
Trunk Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$12.29	
Lifeline	*	\$ 1.00	*	N/A	

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3.6 Group Six (Local Exchange Services), (Cont'd.)

3.6.7 Rate Group VII

	<u>Residential</u>		<u>Business</u>		
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	
<u>Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$16.30	*	\$30.35	(I)
Two-Party Line **	*	\$14.34	*	\$24.52	(I)
Four-Party Line**	N/A	\$10.87	*	\$14.06	
Centrex Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$11.81	
Centrex Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$15.78	
Trunk Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$18.39	
Trunk Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$22.26	
<u>Local Measured Service Access Line Rate***</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$ 8.60	*	\$14.04	(I)
Centrex Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 6.50	
Centrex Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$10.04	
Trunk Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 8.00	
Trunk Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$12.29	
Lifeline	*	\$ 1.00	*	N/A	

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3.6 Group Six (Local Exchange Services), (Cont'd.)

3.6.8 Rate Group VIII

	<u>Residential</u>		<u>Business</u>		
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	
<u>Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$17.13	*	\$34.92	(I)
Two-Party Line **	*	\$14.54	*	\$27.57	(I)
Four-Party Line **	N/A	\$11.29	*	\$14.89	
Centrex Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$13.87	
Centrex Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$17.93	
Trunk Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$21.55	
Trunk Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$25.50	
<u>Local Measured Service Access Line Rate***</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$ 8.60	*	\$14.04	(I)
Centrex Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$6.50	
Centrex Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$10.04	
Trunk Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$8.00	
Trunk Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$12.29	
Lifeline	*	\$ 1.00	*	N/A	

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3.6 Group Six (Local Exchange Services), (Cont'd.)

3.6.9 Rate Group IX

	Residential		Business		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
<u>Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$18.13	*	\$39.69	(I)
Two-Party Line **	*	\$14.74	*	\$30.81	(I)
Four-Party Line**	N/A	\$11.89	*	\$15.90	
Centrex Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$16.10	
Centrex Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$18.27	
Trunk Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$25.69	
Trunk Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$26.14	
<u>Local Measured Service Access Line Rate***</u>					(T)
Individual Line	*	\$ 8.60	*	\$14.04	(I)
Centrex Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 6.50	
Centrex Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$10.04	
Trunk Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 8.00	
Trunk Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$12.29	
Lifeline	*	\$ 1.00	*	N/A	

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3.6.10 Rate Group X

	<u>Residential</u>		<u>Business</u>		
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	
<u>Flat Rate Exchange Service (Basic Service)</u>					
Individual Line	*	\$19.47	*	\$44.77	(I)
Two-Party Line **	*	\$16.76	*	\$34.35	(I)
Four-Party Line**	N/A	\$12.81	*	\$17.23	
Centrex Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$18.60	
Centrex Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$18.66	
Trunk Service Port	N/A	N/A	*	\$30.09	
Trunk Service Link	N/A	N/A	*	\$26.82	
<u>Local Measured Service Access Line Rate***</u>					(T)
Individual Line	*	\$ 8.60	*	\$14.04	(I)
Centrex Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$6.50	
Centrex Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$10.04	
Trunk Service Port	*	N/A	*	\$ 8.00	
Trunk Service Link	*	N/A	*	\$12.29	
Lifeline	*	\$ 1.00	*	N/A	

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If Taconic finds that a Customer has improperly resold significant quantities of wholesale Lifeline services on an intentional or systematic basis, it may propose a remedial action to the Director of Communications Division of the New York State Department of Public Service. Remedial actions are subject to the approval of the Public Service Commission.

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS

A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

1. Lifeline Telephone Service Options

a. Description

1. Lifeline Discounted Service

This service provides a flat rate federal discount of \$9.25, consisting of a \$6.50 reduction of the Federal Subscriber Line Charge and a \$2.75 reduction in the monthly rate for local exchange telephone service for residential customers. Qualified customers may choose any type or grade of local telephone service, including bundled services that are normally offered by the Company. (C)

1 A. Additional Lifeline Discount

This service provides the discount as outlined in A.1.a.1 above and may provide an additional discount equal to the serving company's increase in residential basic local exchange service, as authorized by the NYS Department of Public Service in Case No. 07-C-0349, released March 4, 2008, whereby the NY Commission authorized certain companies to increase basic local service rates up to \$2.00 per year for 2 years. The discount can be found on Addendum 1 of the individual Company tariff for those companies offering the Additional Lifeline Discount.

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A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (cont'd)

1. Lifeline Telephone Service Options (cont'd)

b. General

Qualified customers may choose to apply the federal Lifeline credit to any of the company's local service offerings, including any local bundled service offering, basic local service, or message rate service. Message rate Lifeline service is available only where central office facilities permit. For connection of new service, service connection charges apply unless the customer qualifies for connection assistance under the Tribal Lands Link Up program.

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Service connection charges do not apply to change existing service from:

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1. Message or flat rate services to Lifeline service.
2. Lifeline service to non-Lifeline services.

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A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (cont'd)

2. Regulations

a. These services are restricted to low income residential customers. To qualify for Lifeline service a customer must certify and provide documentation as income eligible. For a consumer to be eligible under the income requirements, the consumer's household income as defined in § 54.400(f) of the FCC Rules must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size or a recipient of benefits from any one of the following Entitlement Programs:

1. Medicaid;
2. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) F/K/A Food stamps;
3. Supplemental Security Income;
4. Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8);
5. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
6. National School Lunch Program's free lunch program;
7. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/SafetyNet;
8. Veterans Disability Pension
9. Veterans Surviving Spouse Pension

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A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (cont'd)

2. Regulations (cont'd)

b. The Lifeline discount is effective upon receipt of a completed form of eligibility. If the form is not returned, no further action is taken by the Company to establish eligibility.

c. The Company, in coordination with appropriate agencies and the Lifeline Customer, will require Lifeline customers to be re-certified, on an annual basis. Lifeline customers will need to certify that they continue to be eligible to receive these Lifeline benefits and that they are not receiving benefits from another company. If a customer is identified as being ineligible, the customer will be notified that unless the information is shown to be in error, the Lifeline discount will be discontinued. The customer will be billed for discounts received for the time that they were proven to be ineligible for the service.

3. Locality Charge Waiver

Customers receiving Lifeline Telephone Service will have applicable locality charges waived each month while they are receiving the Lifeline Assistance.

4. Voluntary Toll Blocking (Restriction)

Customers receiving Lifeline service can voluntarily request and receive toll blocking (call restriction), third number billing/collect call restriction without a monthly charge. There will be no record order charge to add these types of restrictions (blocking).

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The tariff pages outlining the terms of the Lifeline offering in Taconic Telephone Corp. in Massachusetts are attached. The terms and conditions of residential local service can be found at <http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644>

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3.15 Lifeline Service

3.15.1 General

A monthly discount for local telephone service is available to qualified low income residential customers. Only one such discount is available to any qualified residence household. For this offering, a household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit.

This reduction may be applied to the monthly rate of the following residential services:

Individual Access Line Service  
2-Party Access Line Service  
4-Party Access Line Service

To qualify for Lifeline service, a customer must either be a recipient of benefits from any one of the following programs:

Medicaid or MassHealth  
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (f/k/a Food Stamps) (T)  
Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EABDC)  
Federal Public Housing Assistance\*  
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)  
National School Lunch Program (free meals program only)\*  
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)\*  
Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)

\*Qualifying participation in these programs or income levels is effective June 1, 2012.

Or beginning June 1, 2012, must have a household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Applicants must provide proof of eligibility. The Company will make annual verification of the customer's eligibility status. If after verification, a customer is identified as being ineligible, the customer will be notified that unless the information is shown to be in error, the Lifeline discount will be discontinued. The customer will be billed for discounts received for the time that they were proved to be ineligible for the service.

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3.15 Lifeline Service (Cont'd.)

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3.15.2 Rates and Charges

Lifeline service provides for a reduction in the rate for local exchange service, not to exceed the rate charged for such service.

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	Federal	State	Total
Local Rate Reduction	\$9.25	\$6.00	\$15.25

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3.16 Link-Up America

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3.16.1 General

The Link-Up America program was eliminated on April 1, 2012, by order of the Federal Communications Commission in Docket No. 11-12, 03-109, 96-45, and 12-23.

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